

WEST IRON COUNTY SEWER AUTHORITY

Financial Report
With Supplemental Information
Prepared in Accordance with GASB 34

JUNE 30, 2004

Auditing Procedures Report

Issued under P.A. 2 of 1968, as amended.

Local Government Type <input type="checkbox"/> City <input type="checkbox"/> Township <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other		Local Government Name WEST IRON COUNTY SEWER AUTHORITY	County IRON
Audit Date JUNE 30, 2004	Opinion Date SEPTEMEBR 15, 2004	Date Accountant Report Submitted to State: OCTOBER 26, 2004	

We have audited the financial statements of this local unit of government and rendered an opinion on financial statements prepared in accordance with the Statements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the *Uniform Reporting Format for Financial Statements for Counties and Local Units of Government in Michigan* by the Michigan Department of Treasury.

We affirm that:

1. We have complied with the *Bulletin for the Audits of Local Units of Government in Michigan* as revised.
2. We are certified public accountants registered to practice in Michigan.

We further affirm the following. "Yes" responses have been disclosed in the financial statements, including the notes, or in the report of comments and recommendations

You must check the applicable box for each item below.

- ☐ Yes ☒ No 1. Certain component units/funds/agencies of the local unit are excluded from the financial statements.
- ☐ Yes ☒ No 2. There are accumulated deficits in one or more of this unit's unreserved fund balances/retained earnings (P.A. 275 of 1980).
- ☐ Yes ☒ No 3. There are instances of non-compliance with the Uniform Accounting and Budgeting Act (P.A. 2 of 1968, as amended).
- ☐ Yes ☒ No 4. The local unit has violated the conditions of either an order issued under the Municipal Finance Act or its requirements, or an order issued under the Emergency Municipal Loan Act.
- ☐ Yes ☒ No 5. The local unit holds deposits/investments which do not comply with statutory requirements. (P.A. 20 of 1943, as amended [MCL 129.91], or P.A. 55 of 1982, as amended [MCL 38.1132]).
- ☐ Yes ☒ No 6. The local unit has been delinquent in distributing tax revenues that were collected for another taxing unit.
- ☐ Yes ☒ No 7. The local unit has violated the Constitutional requirement (Article 9, Section 24) to fund current year earned pension benefits (normal costs) in the current year. If the plan is more than 100% funded and the overfunding credits are more than the normal cost requirement, no contributions are due (paid during the year).
- ☐ Yes ☒ No 8. The local unit uses credit cards and has not adopted an applicable policy as required by P.A. 266 of 1995 (MCL 129.241).
- ☐ Yes ☒ No 9. The local unit has not adopted an investment policy as required by P.A. 196 of 1997 (MCL 129.95).

We have enclosed the following:

	Enclosed	To Be Forwarded	Not Required
The letter of comments and recommendations.			X
Reports on individual federal financial assistance programs (program audits).			X
Single Audit Reports (ASLGU).			X


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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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Board of Trustees
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of the **West Iron County Sewer Authority**, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004, which comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Authority's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the Board of Trustees, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

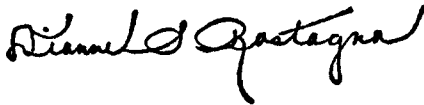
In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the enterprise fund of the **West Iron County Sewer Authority** at June 30, 2004, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the fiscal year ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America.

As described in Note A, the **West Iron County Sewer Authority** has implemented a new financial reporting model, as required by the provisions of GASB 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments*, as of July 01, 2003.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 15, 2004 on our consideration of the **West Iron County Sewer Authority's** internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis on pages 5 through 11 is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplemental information required by the *Governmental Accounting Standards Board* and by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of the inquiries of management, regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplemental information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

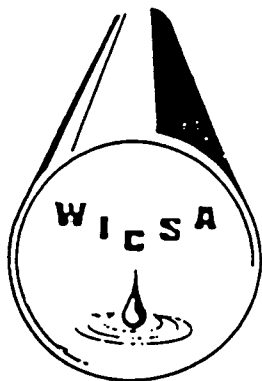
Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the **West Iron County Sewer Authority's** basic financial statements. The individual fund financial statements are presented for the purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The individual fund financial statements have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.



Dianne S. Rostagno
DS ROSTAGNO, CPA, P.C.

September 15, 2004

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS



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The management of the **West Iron County Sewer Authority** provides this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the **West Iron County Sewer Authority** for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004. As readers, you are encouraged to read this discussion and analysis in conjunction with the Authority's financial statement information included in this report.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Authority's basic financial statements. The financial section of this report includes management's discussion and analysis, the basic financial statements, and required supplementary information. The basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

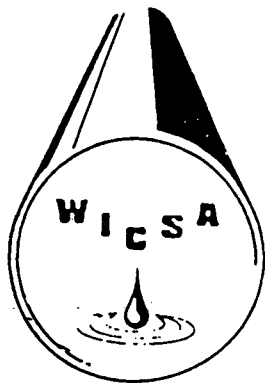
Government-wide financial statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Authority's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The Statement of Net Assets presents information on all of the Authority's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Authority is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the government's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

The government-wide financial statements reflect the Authority's functions in the enterprise fund, which is the only fund of the **West Iron County Sewer Authority**. This means that the revenues are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their cost through user fees and charges (business-type activities). There are no governmental activities.



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Fund Financial Statements

The Authority, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. In the basic financial statements, the emphasis of the fund financial statements is on major funds. The only fund of the Authority (in addition to the fiduciary fund) is a proprietary fund.

Proprietary Funds

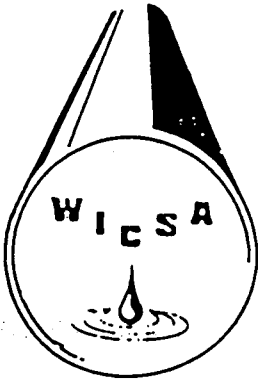
Proprietary Funds provide services for which the Authority charges customers a fee. The Authority has only one type of proprietary fund - an enterprise fund. The enterprise fund of the Authority is used to report the same functions as the business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The Proprietary Fund is presented separately in both the government-wide financial statements and the fund financial statements and is considered a major fund. Enterprise funds are used to account for operations very similar to business enterprises, where the intent of the governing body is that the cost of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

Notes to the Financial Statements

Notes to the financial statements are included in the basic financial statements, and provide additional information that is essential for a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and the fund financial statements.

Supplementary Information

Required supplementary information generally follows the basic financial statements, and includes budgetary comparison schedules for the General Fund and the entity's major special revenue funds as presented in the governmental fund financial statements. Since there are no governmental funds, this section has been omitted.



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Government-wide Financial Analysis

In time, net assets of a governmental entity may serve as a useful indicator of the government's financial position. In the case of the Authority, assets exceeded liabilities by \$ 5,818,335 at June 30.

By far, the largest portion of the Authority's assets (approximately 92%) is held in the form of capital assets (net). These capital assets are used to provide services to citizens and are not available for future spending. It should also be noted that these assets carry related debt of \$ 2,480,000. At June 30, 2004, the Authority reported \$ 5,197,622 in capital assets net of related debt. And, at June 30, 2004, the Authority had unrestricted net assets of \$ 620,713, which are available to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

Summary of Net Assets

The following summarizes the net assets at fiscal year-end. Although GASB 34 requires that comparative financial data be presented, since this is the first year of implementation, prior year data is not yet available. Comparative financial data will be included in this schedule in subsequent years.

	<u>Primary Government</u>	
	<u>Business-type Activities</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Current and other assets	\$ 624110	\$ 624110
Capital assets, net	<u>7677622</u>	<u>7677622</u>
Total Assets	8301732	8301732
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Long-term liabilities	2400000	2400000
Other liabilities	<u>83397</u>	<u>83397</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ 2483397	\$ 2483397



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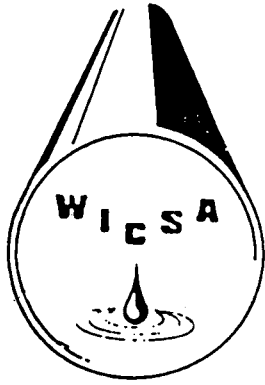
Government-wide Financial Analysis (Continued)

Summary of Net Assets (Continued)

	<u>Primary Government</u>	
	<u>Business-type Activities</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<u>Net Assets</u>		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 5197622	\$ 5197622
Unrestricted	<u>620713</u>	<u>620713</u>
Total Net Assets	\$ 5818335	\$ 5818335

The following represents the changes in net assets for business-type activities for the year ended June 30, 2004: (Please note that since this is the first year of implementation of GASB 34, prior year financial data is not available, but will be provided in subsequent years).

	<u>Primary Government</u>	
	<u>Business-type Activities</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<u>REVENUES</u>		
<u>Program Revenues</u>		
Charges for services	\$ 547199	\$ 547199
Capital grants	0	0
Interest and Investment Earnings	<u>5979</u>	<u>5979</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 553178	\$ 553178



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Government-wide Financial Analysis (Continued)

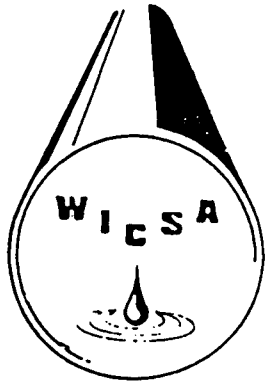
Summary of Net Assets (Continued)

	Primary Government	
	Business-type Activities	Totals
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Office and Administration	\$ 7276	\$ 7276
Sewer Plant	342730	342730
Interest Expense	124173	124173
Depreciation	<u>71859</u>	<u>71859</u>
Total business-type expenses	\$ 546038	\$ 546038
 Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	 7140	 7140
 Net Assets, Beginning of Year	 <u>5811195</u>	 <u>5811195</u>
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ <u>5818335</u>	\$ <u>5818335</u>

Business-type Activities

Business-type activities increased the Authority's net assets by \$ 7,140. Charges for services for the sewer plant for the year ended were \$ 547,199.

Total expenses for the sewer plant for the year ended were \$ 546,038.



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Proprietary Funds

The Authority's proprietary fund provides the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

The Authority's investment in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, for its business-type activities as of June 30, 2004 is \$ 7,677,622. The investment in capital assets includes land, building, machinery and equipment.

There are no infrastructure assets.

There were no major capital events during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004.

Long-term debt

The Authority's long-term debt consists of Series 1998 Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, the balance of which is \$ 2,480,000 at June 30, 2004.

Other Economic Factors

There are no significant plans or major priorities for the Authority for 2004.



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Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Authority's finances for all those with an interest in the Authority's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to:

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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

WEST IRON COUNTY SEWER AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

JUNE 30, 2004

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES</u>
<u>Current Assets</u>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents (Note B)	\$ 73177
Accounts Receivable	<u>442</u>
Total Current Assets	73619
<u>Noncurrent Assets</u>	
Restricted Cash	550491
Capital Assets, Net (Note F)	<u>7677622</u>
Total Noncurrent Assets	8228113
 TOTAL ASSETS	 \$ 8301732
 <u>LIABILITIES</u>	
<u>Current Liabilities</u>	
Accrued Benefits	3397
Bonds/Notes Payable (Due within one year)	<u>80000</u>
Total Current Liabilities	83397
<u>Noncurrent Liabilities</u>	
Bonds/Notes Payable (Note G)	<u>2400000</u>
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	2400000
 TOTAL LIABILITIES	 2483397
 <u>NET ASSETS</u>	
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	5197622
Unrestricted	<u>620713</u>
 TOTAL NET ASSETS	 \$ <u>5818335</u>

The notes to the financial statements are integral part of this report.

WEST IRON COUNTY SEWER AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	EXPENSES	PROGRAM REVENUES	
		CHARGES FOR SERVICE	OPERATING GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS
Business-type Activities	\$	\$	\$
Office and Administration	7276		
Sewer Plant	342730	547199	
Interest Expense	124173		
Depreciation (Unallocated)	<u>71859</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total Business-type Activities	546038	547199	0

General Revenues:

Interest and Investment Earnings

Total General Revenues

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR

NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR

WEST IRON COUNTY SEWER AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

NET (EXPENSE) REVENUE AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETSGOVERNMENTAL
ACTIVITIES

\$	
	(7276)
	204469
	(124173)
	<u>(71859)</u>
\$	1161

59795979

7140

5811195\$ 5818335

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WEST IRON COUNTY SEWER AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF FUND NET ASSETS
ENTERPRISE FUND

JUNE 30, 2004

	<u>SEWER AUTHORITY</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>	
<u>Current Assets</u>	\$
Cash, unrestricted	73177
Accounts Receivable, net	<u>442</u>
Total Current Assets	73619
<u>Noncurrent Assets</u>	
Restricted Cash	550491
Capital assets:	
Equipment	11483707
Less allowance for depreciation	<u>(3806085)</u>
Total Noncurrent Assets	8228113
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 8301732
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
<u>Current Liabilities</u>	
Accrued Benefits	3397
Bonds/Notes Payable (Due within one year)	<u>80000</u>
Total Current Liabilities	83397
<u>Noncurrent Liabilities</u>	
Bonds/Notes Payable	<u>2400000</u>
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	2400000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2483397
<u>NET ASSETS</u>	
Restricted	5197622
Unrestricted	<u>620713</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ <u>5818335</u>

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WEST IRON COUNTY SEWER AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS
ENTERPRISE FUND

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

OPERATING REVENUES

Charges for Services - Municipal Units	\$	
Operation and Maintenance		351119
Debt Retirement		187159
Charges for Services - Other		1200
Miscellaneous Revenues		<u>7721</u>
Total Operating Revenues		547199

OPERATING EXPENSES

Personal Services and Benefits	240303
Repairs and Maintenance	9742
Other Supplies and Expenses	92643
Office and Administration	7276
Depreciation	71859
Miscellaneous	<u>42</u>
Total Operating Expenses	421865

OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	125334
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NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)

Interest Revenue	5979
Interest Expense	<u>(124173)</u>
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	(118194)

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	7140
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NET ASSETS, JULY 01, BEFORE RESTATEMENT	215703
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Add:

Cumulative Effect of a change in Accounting Principles	5595492
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NET ASSETS, JULY 01, AFTER RESTATEMENT	5811195
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NET ASSETS, JUNE 30	\$ <u>5818335</u>
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WEST IRON COUNTY SEWER AUTHORITY

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
ENTERPRISE FUND**

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

CASH FLOWS FROM (USED BY)

OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Net cash received from fees and services	\$ 539036
Other operating revenues	7721
Cash payments to employees for services	(141039)
Cash payments for goods and services	(208881)
Other operating expenses	<u>0</u>

NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ 196837
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NON CAPITAL AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Increase (decrease) in due to other funds	0
(Increase) decrease in due from other funds	339
Net operating transfers in (out)	<u>0</u>

NET CASH FROM NON CAPITAL AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES	\$ 339
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CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Acquisition and construction of capital assets	0
Principal payment on long-term bonds	(75000)
Interest paid on long-term bonds	(124173)
Interest and tax expense	0
Proceeds from borrowing	0
Contributed capital grants	<u>0</u>

NET CASH USED BY CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	\$ (199173)
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INVESTING ACTIVITIES

(Increase) Decrease in Investments	0
Interest Income	<u>5979</u>

NET CASH FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	\$ 5979
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NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$ 3982
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Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	<u>619686</u>
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Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	<u>\$ 623668</u>
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WEST IRON COUNTY SEWER AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
ENTERPRISE FUND

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Operating Income (Loss)	\$	\$ 125334
Adjustment to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
. Depreciation and amortization	71859	
. Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) Decrease in accounts receivable	(442)	
Increase (Decrease) in accounts payable	0	
Increase (Decrease) in accrued expenses	86	
Increase (Decrease) in customer deposits	<u>0</u>	
NET ADJUSTMENTS		<u>71503</u>
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$	<u><u>196837</u></u>

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FIDUCIARY FUND
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS

JUNE 30, 2004

	PRIVATE-PURPOSE TRUST FUND
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 15000
TOTAL ASSETS	15000
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Due to Other Funds	1413
Accrued Benefits	<u>13587</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	15000
<u>NET ASSETS</u>	
Restricted for Employee Benefits	0
Unrestricted	<u>0</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 0

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

	PRIVATE-PURPOSE TRUST FUND
<u>ADDITIONS</u>	
Increase in amounts due from Proprietary Fund	\$ 338
TOTAL ADDITIONS	338
<u>DEDUCTIONS</u>	
Increase in employee sick leave benefits accrued	338
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	338
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	0
NET ASSETS - JULY 01, 2003	0
NET ASSETS - JUNE 30, 2004	\$ 0

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this report.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS**

WEST IRON COUNTY SEWER AUTHORITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2004

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting methods and procedures adopted by the **West Iron County Sewer Authority**, Caspian, Michigan, conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental entities. The following is a summary of the more significant policies:

THE FINANCIAL REPORTING ENTITY

The Authority was organized to provide sewer service to the cities of Iron River, Stambaugh, (now consolidated with the new City of Iron River), Caspian, Gaastra, and a portion of Iron River Township. The first grant applications were filed in 1982. Two members from each participating municipality are appointed by their respective governmental entities to serve on the Board of Trustees of the **West Iron County Sewer Authority**.

In accordance with the provisions of GASB 14, certain other governmental organizations are not considered to be part of the entity for financial reporting purposes.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(CONTINUED)**

JUNE 30, 2004

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

THE FINANCIAL REPORTING ENTITY (Continued)

The criteria established by GASB 14 for determining the various governmental organizations to be included in the reporting entity's financial statements include separation of electing governing body and legal status, and fiscal independence. On this basis, there are no discretely presented component units to be included in the reporting entity.

BLENDED COMPONENT UNITS

A blended component unit is a legally separate entity from the local unit, but is so intertwined with the local unit that it is, in substance, the same as the local governmental unit.

A basic strategy of GASB 14 is to present financial information for component units separately from the financial information for the primary government. This is achieved through the discrete presentation method.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(CONTINUED)**

JUNE 30, 2004

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

BLENDED COMPONENT UNITS (Continued)

However, in the case of blended component units, GASB believes that it would be more appropriate to use the blending method to incorporate the financial information of a component unit into the reporting entity's financial statements. When the blending method is used, transactions and balances of a component unit are merged with similar transactions and balances of the primary government so that there is no way to identify which balances relate to the component unit and which relate to the primary government.

On the basis described above, there are no discretely presented component units, nor are there any blended component units whose financial statements are included in the financial statements of the **West Iron County Sewer Authority**.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2004

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

JOINT VENTURES

A joint venture is a legal entity or other organization that results from a contractual agreement and that is owned, operated, or governed by two or more participants as a separate and specific activity subject to joint control, in which the participants retain an ongoing financial interest or an ongoing financial responsibility.

An ongoing financial responsibility is determined as a participating government's obligation in some manner for debts or the joint venture's existence depends on continued funding by the participating government.

There are no joint ventures to be reported.

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

A jointly governed organization is a multigovernmental arrangement that is governed by representatives from each of the governments that create the organization, but that is not a joint venture because the participants do not retain an ongoing financial interest or responsibility.

There are no jointly governed organizations to be reported.

RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

A related organization is an organization for which a primary government is not financially accountable (because it does not impose will or have a financial benefit or burden relations) even though the primary government appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board.

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

RELATED ORGANIZATIONS (Continued)

There are no related organizations to be reported.

BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The Authority follows GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments*. GASB Statement No. 34 adds the following components to the financial statements:

Management's Discussion and Analysis

A narrative introduction and analytical overview of the government's financial activities. This analysis is similar to analysis the private sector provides in their annual reports.

Government-wide financial statements

These include financial statements prepared using full accrual accounting for all of the government's activities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

Government-wide financial statements
(Continued)

This approach includes not just current assets and liabilities (such as cash and accounts payable) but also capital assets and long-term liabilities (such as buildings and infrastructure, including bridges and roads, and general obligation debt). Annual accounting also reports all of the revenues and costs of providing services each year, not just those received or paid in the current year or soon thereafter. The government-wide statements include the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Program Activities.

Statement of Net Assets

The Statement of Net Assets displays the financial position of the primary government (government and business-type activities, where applicable).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

Statement of Net Assets (Continued)

Governments report all capital assets, including infrastructure, in the government-wide Statement of Net Assets and report depreciation expenses - the cost of "using up" capital assets - in the Statement of Activities. The net assets of a government are broken down into three categories - 1) invested in capital assets, net of related debt; 2) restricted; and 3) unrestricted.

Statement of Program Activities

The statement of program activities reports expenses and revenues in a format that focuses on the cost of the government's functions. The expense of individual functions is compared to the revenues generated directly by the function (for instance, through user charges or intergovernmental grants).

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The basic financial statements include both government-wide (based on the Authority as a whole) and fund financial statements. The reporting model focus is on both the Authority as a whole and the fund financial statement (business-type categories).

Both the government-wide and fund financial statements (within the basic financial statements) categorize primary activities as business type only. In the government-wide Statement of Net Assets, the business-type activities column (a) is presented, and (b) is reflected, on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which incorporates long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations.

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

Both government-wide and fund financial statement presentations provide valuable information that can be analyzed and compared (between years and between governments) to enhance the usefulness of the financial information.

The Authority generally uses restricted assets first for expenses incurred for which both restricted and unrestricted assets are available. The Authority may defer the use of restricted assets based on a review of the specific transaction.

The government-wide Statement of Activities reflects both the gross and net cost per functional category (office and administration, sewer plant, interest, and depreciation) that are otherwise being supported by general government revenues (interest and investment earnings).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

In the fund financial statements, financial transactions and accounts of the Authority are organized on the basis of funds.

The operation of each fund is considered to be an independent fiscal and separate accounting entity, with a self-balancing set of accounts recording cash and/or other financial resources together with all related liabilities and residual equities or balances, and changes therein, which are segregated for the purpose of carrying on specific activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions, or limitations.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

Enterprise Funds

These funds are used to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises----where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses including depreciation) of providing goods and services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purpose.

For reporting purposes, the Sewer Authority Enterprise Fund is the major fund.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

These funds are used to account for assets held by the Authority in a trustee capacity or as an agent for other individuals, private organizations, other governmental units and/or other funds. The Authority's Sick Leave Fund is a fiduciary fund.

It is classified as a private-purpose trust fund.

MEASUREMENT FOCUS

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. The government-wide statement of net assets, statement of activities, and the proprietary funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

MEASUREMENT FOCUS (Continued)

With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these activities are included on the statement of net assets. Proprietary fund-type operating statements present increases (e.g., revenues) and decreases (e.g., expenses) in net total assets.

The statement of net assets, statement of activities, and financial statement of the Proprietary Fund are presented on the accrual basis of accounting.

Under this method of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when liabilities are incurred without regard to receipt or disbursement of cash.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

MEASUREMENT FOCUS (Continued)

The local government unit applies all GASB pronouncements as well as the FASB pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

ENCUMBRANCES

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriations, is employed for accountability purposes only.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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JUNE 30, 2004

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

ENCUMBRANCES (Continued)

It is the Authority's policy to honor all unfilled contracts/orders at year-end, but the authority to complete these transactions is provided by the new year's budget appropriations, as unexpended appropriations of the current year lapse at year-end.

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The Authority pools cash resources of its various funds to facilitate the management of cash. Cash applicable to a particular fund is readily identifiable. The balance in the pooled cash accounts is available to meet current operating requirements.

The Authority classifies cash on hand, cash on deposit (including certificates of deposit), and highly liquid investments with an original maturity of ninety days or less when purchased as cash in its financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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JUNE 30, 2004

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

INVENTORIES

Inventories of supplies are expended as received.

RECEIVABLES

User charges for the Proprietary Fund are recorded as receivable when billed. All receivables are reported at their gross value.

INTEREST RECEIVABLE

Interest on certificates of deposit is recorded as revenue in the year the interest is earned and is available to pay liabilities of the current period.

DEFERRED REVENUE

Deferred revenue represents amounts for which asset recognition criteria have been met but for which revenue recognition criteria have not been met, whereby such amounts are measurable but not considered currently available resources.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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JUNE 30, 2004

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

RETAINED EARNINGS

Unreserved retained earnings represent net assets available for future operations or distribution. Reserved retained earnings represent net assets that have been legally identified for specific purposes. Designated retained earnings represent amounts earmarked by the Authority for future expenditures.

NON-MONETARY TRANSACTIONS

The Single Audit Act of 1984, as amended, and OMB Circular A-133 defines federal financial assistance to include both monetary and non-monetary forms of assistance provided by or passed down from a federal agency, such as grants, contracts, loans, loan guarantees, property, etc.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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JUNE 30, 2004

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

CAPITAL ASSETS

To the extent the Authority's capitalization threshold of \$ 500 is met, capital outlays of the Proprietary Funds are recorded as fixed assets and depreciated over their estimated useful lives on a straight-line basis on both the funds basis and the governmental-wide basis using the straight-line method and the following estimated useful lives:

Land Improvements..... 20 years

Equipment..... 5 - 20 years

All fixed assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual cost was not available.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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JUNE 30, 2004

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

CAPITAL ASSETS (Continued)

Donated fixed assets are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date donated.

Maintenance, repairs, and minor equipment are charged to operations when incurred. Expenses that materially change capacities or extend useful lives are capitalized. Upon sale or retirement of land, buildings, and equipment, the cost and related accumulated depreciation, if applicable, are eliminated from the respective accounts and any resulting gain or loss is included in the results of operations.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Employees earn sick leave benefits at the rate of one day per month, which can accrue to a maximum of 120 days. At separation or retirement, employees are paid out 50% of the unused sick days calculated at the employees' current rate of pay.

At June 30, 2004, the total liability of the Authority based on this 50% payoff rate, plus related costs of FICA is \$16,983.

As required by the provisions of GASB 16, estimates have been made to determine the current portion of the liability using historical averages. This is the amount which could reasonably be expected to be used within the next 12 month period. This has been expended in the current period, along with related FICA costs. The balance, or long term portion of the liability, including related FICA expense, is reflected on the Private-Purpose Trust Fund's balance sheet.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

COMPENSATED ABSENCES (Continued)

It is the Authority's policy to fund this long-term liability in the amount of at least 50% of the estimated liability. Based on the long-term liability of \$13,587, funding of \$6,794 is required. At June 30, 2004, the Authority had funded the account in the amount of \$15,000.

POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

When employment is interrupted or terminated, all insurance coverage continues only for the balance of the month in which such termination occurs or until the next premium is due, whichever is later.

FUND EQUITY

Unreserved retained earnings represent net assets available for future operations or distribution. Reserved retained earnings represent net assets that have been legally identified for specific purposes. Designated retained earnings represent amounts earmarked by the Authority for future expenditures.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE B - CASH, DEPOSITS, AND INVESTMENTS

PRIMARY GOVERNMENT

On June 30, 2004, the carrying value of the Authority's deposits (Primary Government) was \$ 638,668 and is comprised of cash and deposits reflected in the following funds:

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE B - CASH, DEPOSITS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

PRIMARY GOVERNMENT (Continued)

<u>PRIMARY GOVERNMENT</u>	
<u>Enterprise Funds</u>	
Proprietary Fund	\$ 623668
Total Enterprise Funds	623668
<u>Fiduciary Funds</u>	
Private-Purpose Trust Fund	15000
Total Fiduciary Funds	15000
 TOTAL PRIMARY GOVERNMENT	 \$ 638668

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 3, risk disclosures for the local unit's cash deposits classifies cash according to three levels of risk.

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NOTE B - CASH, DEPOSITS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

The three levels of risk are as follows:

Category 1	Deposits which are insured or collateralized with securities held by the Authority or by its agent in the Authority's name.
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Category 2	Deposits which are collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the Authority's name.
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NOTE B - CASH, DEPOSITS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Category 3 Deposits which are
 not collateralized or
 insured.

Based on these levels of risk, the
Authority's cash deposits (Primary
Government) are classified as follows:

SCHEDULE OF CASH AND DEPOSITS

PRIMARY GOVERNMENT

	<u>Category 1</u>	<u>Category 2</u>	<u>Category 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cash and Deposits	\$ 305336	\$ -0-	\$ 333330	\$ 638666

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE B - CASH, DEPOSITS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

INVESTMENTS (Continued)

The Authority's investments are categorized below to give an indication of the level of risk assumed at year-end.

Category 1 includes investments that are insured or registered or for which the securities are held by the Authority or its agent in the Authority's name. Category 2 includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the broker's or dealer's safekeeping department or agent in the Authority's name. Category 3 includes uninsured and registered investments for which the securities are held by the broker or dealer, or by its safekeeping department or agent, but not in the Authority's name.

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NOTE B - CASH, DEPOSITS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

INVESTMENTS (Continued)

The Authority has no investments, as reflected below:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Category 1</u>	<u>Category 2</u>	<u>Category 3</u>	<u>Carrying Value</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>
Total Investments	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

Act 196, PA 1997, authorizes the Authority to deposit and invest in:

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE B - CASH, DEPOSITS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

STATUTORY AUTHORITY (Continued)

1. Bonds, securities, and other obligations of the United States or an agency or instrumentality of the United States.
2. Certificates of deposit, savings accounts, deposit accounts, or depository receipts of a financial institution eligible to be a depository of funds belonging to the State of Michigan under a law or rule of this state or the United States.
3. Commercial paper rated at the time of purchase within the two highest classifications established by not less than two standard rating services and that matures not more than 270 days after the date of purchase.

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NOTE B - CASH, DEPOSITS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

STATUTORY AUTHORITY (Continued)

4. Repurchase agreements consisting of instruments issued by the United States or an agency or instrumentality of the United States.
5. Bankers acceptances of United States banks.
6. Obligations of the State of Michigan or any of its political subdivisions that at the time of purchase are rated as investment grade by not less than one standard rating service.
7. Mutual funds registered under the Investment Act of 1950 with the authority to purchase only investment vehicles that are legal for direct investment by a public corporation.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE B - CASH, DEPOSITS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

STATUTORY AUTHORITY (Continued)

The Authority has adopted an investment policy, allowing for all types of deposits and investments listed above. The Authority's deposits and investments are in compliance with its investment policy.

NOTE C - PENSION PLAN

DESCRIPTION OF PLAN AND PLAN ASSETS

The West Iron County Sewer Authority is in an agent multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan with the Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS).

The system provides the following provisions: normal retirement, deferred retirement, service retirement allowance, disability retirement allowance, non-duty-connected death and post-retirement adjustments to plan members and their beneficiaries.

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NOTE C - PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

DESCRIPTION OF PLAN AND PLAN ASSETS -
(Continued)

The service requirement is computed using credited service at the time of termination of membership multiplied by the sum of 2.25 percent times the final average compensation (FAC) with a maximum benefit of 80 percent of FAC. The most recent period for which actuarial data was available was for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003.

MERS was organized pursuant to Section 12a of Act#156, Public Acts of 1851 (MSA 5.333(a); MCLA 46.12(a), as amended, State of Michigan.

MERS is regulated under Act No. 427 of the Public Acts of 1984, sections of which have been approved by the State Pension Commission.

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NOTE C - PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

DESCRIPTION OF PLAN AND PLAN ASSETS -
(Continued)

MERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the system.

That report may be obtained by writing to:

MERS
447 North Canal Street
Lansing, Michigan 48917-9755

FUNDING POLICY

The obligation to contribute to and maintain the system for these employees was established by negotiation with the West Iron County Sewer Authority's competitive bargaining unit and personnel policy, which does not require employees to contribute to the plan.

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NOTE C - PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

FUNDING POLICY (Continued)

The Authority is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate; the current rate was 9.45 percent at December 31, 2003.

ANNUAL PENSION COST

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004, the Authority's contributions totaling \$14,497 were made in accordance with the contribution requirement determined by an actuarial valuation of the plan as of December 31, 2003. The employer contribution rate has been determined based on the entry age normal funding method. Under the entry age normal funding method, the total employer contribution is comprised of the normal cost plus the level annual percentage of payroll payment required to amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability over 30 years. The employer normal cost is, for each employee, the level percentage of payroll contribution (from entry age to retirement) required to accumulate sufficient assets at the member's retirement to pay for his projected benefit.

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NOTE C - PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

ANNUAL PENSION COST (Continued)

Significant actuarial assumptions used include a long-term investment yield rate of 8 percent and annual salary increases of 4.5 percent based on age-related scale to reflect merit, longevity, and promotional salary increases.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR GASB STATEMENT NO. 25

The following information has been prepared to provide the information necessary to comply with GASB Statements Number 25 and 27. Statement 25 is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 1996 and Statement 27 is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 1998.

All entries are based on the actuarial methods and assumptions that were used in the December 31, 2003 actuarial valuation to determine the annual employer contribution amounts.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE C - PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR GASB
STATEMENT NO. 25 (Continued)

The entry age normal actuarial method was
used to determine the entries at
disclosure.

GASB 25 INFORMATION (AS OF 12/31/03)

Actuarial Accrued Liability

Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	\$ 163716
Terminated employees not yet receiving benefits	47998
Current employees -	
Accumulated employee contributions including allocated investment income	28308
Employer Financed	<u>265525</u>
Total Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$ 505547
Net Assets Available for Benefits at Actuarial Value	<u>463658</u>
(Market Value is \$ 423370)	
Unfunded (Overfunded) Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$ 41889

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NOTE C - PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

GASB 27 INFORMATION (as of 12/31/03)

Fiscal Year Beginning	July 1, 2005
Annual Required Contribution (ARC)	\$ 12252 *
Amortization Factor Used - Underfunded Liability (30 years)	0.053632

* Based on valuation payroll, but the actual required contribution will be based on current monthly payment (during the fiscal year beginning July 01, 2005) times the computed employer contribution rate(s).

NOTE D - ACCUMULATED FUND DEFICITS

At June 30, 2004, the Authority had no fund balance/retained earnings deficit in any fund.

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NOTE E - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Authority maintains commercial insurance coverage covering each of those risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the Authority.

NOTE F - CAPITAL ASSETS

BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES

The following is a summary of the changes in capital assets for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004:

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE F - CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

	Balance June 30, 2003	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	Balance June 30, 2004
<u>BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES</u>				
<u>Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated</u>	\$	\$	\$	\$
Land, Easements, and Right of Way	<u>38933</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>38933</u>
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	\$ 38933	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 38933
<u>Other Capital Assets</u>				
Buildings	6656017			6656017
Machinery and Equipment	<u>4788757</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4788757</u>
Total Other Cap. Assets	\$ 11444774	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 11444774
<u>Less Accumulated Depreciation for:</u>				
Machinery and Equipment	<u>3734226</u>	<u>(71859)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3806085</u>
Total Accum. Depreciation	3734226	(71859)	0	3806085
TOTAL BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES	\$ <u>7749481</u>	\$ <u>(71859)</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>7677622</u>

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NOTE G - LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of the primary government's long-term debt obligation at June 30, 2004.

	<u>July 01,</u> <u>2003</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>June 30,</u> <u>2004</u>
Refunding Bonds, Limited Tax, Series 1998	\$ 2555000	\$ -0-	\$ 75000	\$ 2480000

REFUNDING BONDS - LIMITED TAX, SERIES 1998

In November of 1998, the West Iron County Sewer Authority, pursuant to, and in full compliance with the constitution and statutes of the State of Michigan, including particularly Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended, approved the issuance of Bonds.

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NOTE G - LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

REFUNDING BONDS - LIMITED TAX, SERIES 1998
(Continued)

The Bonds were issued pursuant to ordinances adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Authority and a resolution adopted for the purpose of providing funds to finance the costs of refunding the Refunded Bonds, to fund and maintain a debt service reserve fund, and pay certain costs incurred in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

The West Iron Sewer Authority Sewage Disposal System Revenue Refunding Bonds Series 1998 were issued in the principal amount of \$ 2,865,000, dated November 1, 1998, and consist of one fully registered bond without coupons for each maturity and are sold in denominations of \$ 5,000 or any integral multiple thereof.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE G - LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

REFUNDING BONDS - LIMITED TAX, SERIES 1998
(Continued)

The Bank of New York is the Paying Agent and also bond registrar and transfer agent if the Bonds cease to be held in book-entry only form.

The Bonds and the interest thereon are special, limited obligations of the **West Iron County Sewer Authority**, payable solely from the net revenues derived from the operation of the system.

Interest is payable on April 1 and October 1 of each year.

Scheduled payments of principal and interest are as follows:

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2004

NOTE G - LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

REFUNDING BONDS - LIMITED TAX, SERIES 1998
(Continued)

<u>Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2005	80000	121172	201172
2006	85000	117893	202893
2007	90000	114322	204322
2008	90000	110453	200453
2009	95000	106493	201493
2010	100000	102218	202218
2011-2023	<u>1940000</u>	<u>766759</u>	<u>2706759</u>
	2480000	1439310	3919310

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2004

NOTE H - SEGMENT INFORMATION

Operating Revenues	\$ 547199
Depreciation and	
Amortization Expense	71859
Operating Income or (Loss)	125334
Operating Grants, Entitlements,	
and Shared Revenues	0
Operating Transfers:	
In	0
(Out)	0
Tax Revenues	0
Net Income or Loss	7140
Current Capital:	
Contributions	0
Transfers	0
Property, Plant, and Equipment	
Additions	0
Deletions	0

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2004

NOTE H - SEGMENT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

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Net working capital	\$ 547126
Total Assets	8303145
Bonds and Other Long Term	
Liabilities	
Payable from Operating Revenues	2400000
Payable from Other Sources	0
Total Equity	5819748

NOTE I - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Related parties exist when there is a relationship that offers the potential for transactions at less than arm's length, favorable treatment, or the ability to influence the outcome of events differently from that which might result in the absence of that relationship.

WEST IRON COUNTY SEWER AUTHORITY

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(CONTINUED)**

JUNE 30, 2004

NOTE I RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

Financial statements must include disclosure of material related party transactions, other than compensation arrangements, expense allowances and similar items in the ordinary course of business. However, disclosure of transactions that are eliminated in the preparation of combined financial statements is not required in those statements.

On this basis, there were no related party transactions reported in the financial statements.

NOTE J - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events have a material effect on the financial statements which requires adjustment or disclosure.

WEST IRON COUNTY SEWER AUTHORITY

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(CONTINUED)**

JUNE 30, 2004

NOTE J - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS (CONTINUED)

They relate to events that provide additional evidence with respect to conditions that existed at the date of the balance sheet and events that provide evidence with respect to conditions that did not exist at the date of the balance sheet but arose subsequent to that date.

At fiscal year ended June 30, 2004, there were no subsequent events that would have a significant effect on the Authority's operations.

NOTE K - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

There are no commitments or contingencies, the reporting of which would have a material effect on the financial position of the West Iron County Sewer Authority.

WEST IRON COUNTY SEWER AUTHORITY

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(CONTINUED)**

JUNE 30, 2004

NOTE L - CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF A CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

With the implementation of GASB 34, the opening retained earnings balance in the Enterprise Fund was adjusted to reflect the cumulative effect of a change in accounting principles.

The Authority had previously adopted the reporting prescribed by the National Council on Governmental Accounting (NCGA Statement No. 2, "Grant Entitlement and Shared Revenue Accounting and Reporting by State and Local Governments"). The statement required that the depreciation of fixed assets purchased with restricted grant funds or shared revenue be closed directly to the contributed capital amount that was created when the restricted or shared revenue was received. The contributed capital account, less accumulated amortization, was a component of the fund equity.

WEST IRON COUNTY SEWER AUTHORITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2004

NOTE L - CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF A CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES
(CONTINUED)

This statement was superseded by GASB Statement 34, which no longer recognizes the contributed capital account.

The result was a substantial cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle, which effectively restated the opening retained earning balance.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

WEST IRON COUNTY SEWER AUTHORITY

**BALANCE SHEET
ENTERPRISE FUND**

JUNE 30, 2004

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Unrestricted Assets

Cash	\$ 73177
Accounts Receivable	442
Due from Trust and Agency	1413

Restricted Assets

Cash	<u>550491</u>
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TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS

625523

FIXED ASSETS

Land	36608
Land Improvements	2325
Building	6656017
Sewer Station: Lines and Equipment	4786751
Furniture and Fixtures	2006
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(3806085)</u>

TOTAL FIXED ASSETS

7677622

TOTAL ASSETS

8303145

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Short-Term Portion Bonds Payable	80000
Accrued Benefits	<u>3397</u>

TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES

83397

LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Bonds Payable	<u>2400000</u>
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TOTAL LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

2400000

TOTAL LIABILITIES

2483397

FUND EQUITY

Retained Earnings	<u>5819748</u>
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TOTAL FUND EQUITY

5819748

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

\$ 8303145

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this report.

WEST IRON COUNTY SEWER AUTHORITY

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND
CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS
ENTERPRISE FUND**

FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2004 and 2003

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
<u>OPERATING REVENUES</u>		
Charges for Services		
Operation and Maintenance	\$ 351119	\$ 327906
Debt Retirement	187159	187500
Other Sources	1200	1200
Miscellaneous	<u>7721</u>	<u>6204</u>
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	\$ 547199	\$ 522810
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>		
Personnel Services:		
Salaries/Wages	\$ 141125	\$ 132589
Board Fees	2845	2740
Utilities/Telephone	47448	39559
Operating Supplies	10749	15490
Repairs/Maintenance	9742	9496
Professional Fees:		
Legal	1384	4388
Audit	2128	1949
Testing/Other	10545	4154
Insurance	22833	19462
Employee Benefits	99178	70142
Transfer Fees	900	300
Depreciation	71859	69658
Office Expense	919	1215
Travel/Education	168	164
Miscellaneous	<u>42</u>	<u>335</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	421865	371641
Operating Profit (Loss)	125334	151169
Non Operating Income		
Interest Income	5979	9738
Non Operating Expense		
Interest Expense	<u>(124173)</u>	<u>(127098)</u>
Net Income (Loss)	7140	33809
RETAINED EARNINGS, JULY 1, before restatement	217116	
Add: Cumulative Effect of a Change in accounting principles	<u>5595492</u>	
RETAINED EARNINGS, July 1, after restatement	5812608	
RETAINED EARNINGS, JUNE 30	\$ <u>5819748</u>	

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this report.

WEST IRON COUNTY SEWER AUTHORITY

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
ENTERPRISE FUND**

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

CASH FLOWS FROM (USED BY)

OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Net cash received from fees and services	\$ 539036
Other operating revenues	7721
Cash payments to employees for services	(141039)
Cash payments for goods and services	(208881)
Other operating expenses	<u>0</u>

NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES **\$ 196837**

NON CAPITAL AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Increase (decrease) in due to other funds	0
(Increase) decrease in due from other funds	339
Net operating transfers in (out)	<u>0</u>

**NET CASH FROM NON CAPITAL AND
FINANCING ACTIVITIES** **\$ 339**

CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Acquisition and construction of capital assets	0
Principal payment on long-term bonds	(75000)
Interest paid on long-term bonds	(124173)
Interest and tax expense	0
Proceeds from borrowing	0
Contributed capital grants	<u>0</u>

**NET CASH USED BY CAPITAL AND RELATED
FINANCING ACTIVITIES** **\$ (199173)**

INVESTING ACTIVITIES

(Increase) Decrease in Investments	0
Interest Income	<u>5979</u>

NET CASH FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES **\$ 5979**

**NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND
CASH EQUIVALENTS** **\$ 3982**

Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year 619686

Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year **\$ 623668**

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this report.

WEST IRON COUNTY SEWER AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
ENTERPRISE FUND

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Operating Income (Loss)	\$	\$ 125334
Adjustment to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
. Depreciation and amortization	71859	
. Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) Decrease in accounts receivable	0	
Increase (Decrease) in accounts payable	(442)	
Increase (Decrease) in accrued expenses	86	
Increase (Decrease) in customer deposits	<u>0</u>	
NET ADJUSTMENTS		<u>71503</u>
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$	<u>\$ 196837</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this report.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL
OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING**

DS Rostagno, CPA, P.C.

***101 West Maple Street, Iron River, MI 49935
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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE
AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Board of Trustees
West Iron County Sewer Authority
Caspian, Michigan 49915

We have audited the financial statements of the business-type activities and each major fund as of and for the year ended June 30, 2004, which comprise the **West Iron County Sewer Authority's** financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 15, 2004. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the **West Iron County Sewer Authority's** financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the **West Iron County Sewer Authority's** internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions.

We noted no such matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operations that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information of the Board, administration, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities, and it is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dianne S. Rostagno".

Dianne S. Rostagno
DS ROSTAGNO, CPA, P.C.

September 15, 2004

DS Rostagno, CPA, P.C.

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September 15, 2004

Board of Trustees
West Iron County Sewer Authority
P.O. Box 246
Caspian, MI 49915

I have audited the financial statements of the **West Iron County Sewer Authority** for the year ended June 30, 2004, and have issued my report thereon dated September 15, 2004. Professional standards require that I provide you with the following information related to the audit:

My Responsibility under Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and Government Auditing Standards

As stated in my engagement letter dated April 06, 2004, my responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. Because an audit is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute assurance and because I did not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material errors, fraud, or other illegal acts may exist and not be detected by me.

As part of the audit, I considered the internal control of the **West Iron County Sewer Authority**. Such considerations were solely for the purpose of determining the audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of the **West Iron County Sewer Authority's** compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. However, the objective of my tests was not to provide an opinion on compliance with such provisions.

Significant Accounting Policies

Management has the responsibility for selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of my engagement letter, I will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by the **West Iron County Sewer Authority** are described in the Note to the general purpose financial statements. With the exception of the implementation of GASB 34, there were no new accounting policies adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during this year. We noted no transactions entered into by the **West Iron County Sewer Authority** during the year that were both significant and unusual, and of which, under professional standards, I am required to inform you, or transactions for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected.

There were no sensitive estimates affecting the financial statements as presented.

Audit Adjustments

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define an audit adjustment as a proposed correction of the financial statements that, in my judgment, may not have been detected except through my auditing procedures. These adjustments may include those proposed by me but not recorded by the **West Iron County Sewer Authority** that could potentially cause future financial statements to be materially misstated, even though I have concluded that such adjustments are not material to the current financial statements. I proposed no audit adjustments that could, in my judgment, either individually or in the aggregate, have a significant effect on the **West Iron County Sewer Authority's** financial reporting process.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to my satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. I am pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of the audit.

Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the governmental unit's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, my professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with me to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To my knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

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Issues Discussed Prior to Retention of Independent Auditors

I generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the **West Iron County Sewer Authority's** auditor. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of my professional relationship and my responses were not a condition to my retention.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

I encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing the audit.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board and management of the **West Iron County Sewer Authority** and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dianne S. Rostagno".

Dianne S. Rostagno
DS ROSTAGNO, CPA, P.C.